

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Klaus Urbahns, *et al.*

SERIAL No.: Continuing Application of U.S.S.N. 10/349,448

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TITLE: PROPIONIC ACID DERIVATIVES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned continuing application of U.S.S.N. 10/349,448, filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please add to the first page of the specification, following the title, the paragraph shown in the attached page entitled "Amendment to Specification for Attorney Docket Number LeA 34 838C2" (page 3 of this amendment).

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 6, 8, 9, and 11.

Please amend claims 2-4, 7, 10, and 14-16, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 4-14 of this amendment).